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### **Re: Columbia River Federal Navigation Channel Deepening Project: Water Quality Certification Application**

Dear Mr. Moriuchi:

Thank you for your letter of September 4, 2002 in which you apply for water quality certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the above project.

As Russell Harding has discussed with your staff by telephone, the Department has completed its preliminary review of your application pursuant to OAR 340-48-0020(4), and is not able, at this time, to deem your application complete. Specifically, the application is deficient in the requirements of OAR 340-48-0020((2)(i)(A)-(D) relating to land use provisions. The Department notes that you have provided an exhibit prepared by the sponsoring ports, which is an analysis of the relevant land use provisions of the various local planning jurisdictions. However, this cannot be used to substitute for formal findings by the planning jurisdictions themselves.

The Department is, therefore, forwarding your application to the various local planning jurisdictions to solicit their comments pursuant to OAR 340-48-0020(4). The local planning officials have 60 days in which to supply the Department with comments. Upon receipt of comments from all the local jurisdictions or 60 days have elapsed, whichever occurs sooner, the Department will move to deem your application complete, and will commence its own public process. This will extend for 45 days and will involve two public hearings, one each in Astoria and Portland. The 60 day local planning jurisdiction comment period begins on September 27, 2002 and will, if it extends fully, end on November 26, 2002.

The Department is committed to processing this application in a thorough, defensible, credible and timely manner, and will move as expeditiously as possible following the conclusion of the above time periods. If you have any questions relating to this matter, please call Russell Harding on (503) 229-5284.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Llewelyn  
Administrator  
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